



We Care Services for Children Beyond Boundaries Toddler Program

We Care Services for Children is now offering a developmental program that provides opportunities for individual learning within a natural group environment through the implementation of the Early Start Denver Model (ESDM) practices for children 18 months to 3 years with autism or at-risk for autism. ESDM is an evidence-based program centering around naturalistic and routine-based theories built on relationship-focused teaching practices.

Why is the Early Start Denver Model so effective for young children with autism or at-risk for autism?

Through a developmentally focused, play-oriented, and relationship-based approach, the ESDM practice provides a highly individualized curriculum addressing all developmental domains within a consistent and predictable classroom routine.

Our Beyond Boundaries toddler program follows the ESDM practice of daily routines and play-based activities to facilitate developmental sequences in young children with autism or at risk for autism similar to their typically developing peers.

This helps to minimize the developmental delays associated with early autism and increases young children's developmental growth in the cognitive, social-emotional, communication, fine, and gross motor developmental areas.

We Care will design an individual program plan to meet each child's specific needs.

This plan will include:

- classroom schedule of 4 days/week from 8:30 – 11:00 am or 12:30 – 3:00 pm
- a 1 to 2 teacher-to-child ratio
- bi-weekly home visits
- monthly parent training

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Early intervention for children 18 months to 3 years with autism or at-risk for autism.

We Care's Beyond Boundaries toddler program is based on evidence that the philosophy of parental teaching for young children with autism is crucial to a child's progress.

Parents/caregivers will learn treatment techniques that:

- can be incorporated into everyday life
- will identify ways to maximize daily routines
- find opportunities for everyday teaching moments



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